

HONORING LARRY GODWIN, A
FRIEND, COMMUNITY LEADER
AND TRUE PATRIOT

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 19, 2012

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Larry Godwin, a wonderful friend of nearly four decades.

Larry lost his most recent battle with cancer on Thursday, April 12, 2012. With his passing, his family lost someone they loved, our community lost a leader and our country lost a true patriot.

It was my good fortune to have met Larry when we were active in the Winter Park Jaycees and in other community activities nearly 40 years ago. When you met Larry Godwin, you knew you were talking to someone with purpose, determination and principle. Successful in real estate, he also made his mark in politics and never paused in his commitment to good government. As a successful entrepreneur, he was part of that special formula that allowed Larry and our nation to be successful and great.

During one of his early visits to Washington for cancer treatment, I still remember his determination to fight on and survive that most dreaded and cruel disease. I will remember his faith, his love of family and that impish grin that, if you knew Larry, was never to be forgotten. So today, along with, I know, dozens of former Winter Park Jaycee buddies, we all salute and say a fond farewell to a special friend.

Mr. Speaker, today, April 19, 2012, in honor of Larry Godwin's memory, service to our nation and final services, I have asked the Architect of the Capitol to fly an American Flag over the U.S. Capitol Building.

Finally, to his family and especially his son Robbie, I extend my very deepest sympathy. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life and memory of Larry Godwin.

HONORING THE ELLIS FAMILY

HON. REID J. RIBBLE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 19, 2012

Mr. RIBBLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the great work of the Ellis family of Rhinelander, Wisconsin, who worked to benefit the Ronald McDonald House of Marshfield, Wisconsin and are the 2012 Make a Difference Day winners. Make a Difference Day is a celebration of the power of neighbors helping neighbors. Created by USA Weekend, this annual day of service mobilizes more than three million volunteers to create change in their community.

The Ellis family has made a substantial impact on their community by collecting aluminum cans for the local Ronald McDonald House. Rick and Kela Ellis were heartbroken when they lost 2-year-old daughter Ashley to brain cancer in 1989. But within a year they'd found a way to honor her memory: by recycling aluminum cans to benefit the Ronald McDonald House of Marshfield, Wisconsin, their "home" while Ashley was hospitalized.

Since giving their Cans for Cancer collection a "huge boost" by tying it to Make a Difference Day in 1998, the Ellises have recycled 6,000 pounds of aluminum, raising more than \$2,500.

I want to congratulate the Ellis family for this honor and thank them for their service to our community.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION
EXTENSION ACT OF 2012, PART II

SPEECH OF

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4348) to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a multiyear law reauthorizing such programs, and for other purposes:

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Chair, our Nation's ports are critical drivers for local economies and I am disturbed by the chronic underfunding of maintenance activities to allow for their maximum efficiency. The Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund was set up to address this growing concern and I continue to support the full expenditure of those funds for this purpose.

In my part of the country, thousand foot Lakers carry the iron ore, limestone, coal, and sand that support the manufacturing industries, which employ thousands of hard working Americans. Without efficient, reliable shipping through ports like Toledo, Cleveland, Sandusky, and Lorain, those plants could not afford to do business in the United States.

These ships are also carrying millions of tons of grain and other food commodities that make dinner affordable for our working families, and they are helping American farmers reach other countries, helping to balance our trade deficit. Thriving ports make this all possible.

And shipping itself directly supports nearly 50,000 jobs in the Great Lakes region alone. Nationally, that number is much higher.

Unfortunately, American shipping is at risk. Huge backlogs in dredging maintenance are causing ships to operate at reduced capacity or overlook some ports where navigation has become impossible.

Insufficient maintenance is undermining our national competitiveness. While the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund collects critical revenue to keep our ports and waterways open, only half those funds are currently spent. Those critical dollars should be fully expended for their intended purpose, keeping our ports open for business.

I am a cosponsor of the RAMP Act and rise in support of the Boustany Amendment. I hope to continue working with Representative BOUSTANY and other colleagues as we move towards a final bill to ensure that this critical issue of Harbor Maintenance is included.

RECOGNIZING THE ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL MEMORIAL SERVICE AT FORT CHAMBLY

HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 19, 2012

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the annual International Memorial Service at Fort Chamblay.

This memorial serves as a tribute to our fallen heroes who fought bravely during the American Revolutionary War, particularly those who weathered disease and below freezing temperatures to fight off the British on the U.S. and Canadian border.

The annual memorial service honors the courageous efforts these individuals demonstrated in their struggle for America's independence. Their service inspired generations of Americans to sacrifice for their country, in order to preserve and protect many of the liberties we enjoy today.

With gratitude, we acknowledge the legacies of our fallen heroes with great reverence and appreciation. I commend the Saranac Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, along with various associated organizations and dignitaries for keeping the valiant struggle of these individuals in the memories of community members.

IN RECOGNITION OF PETER
DOUGLAS

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 19, 2012

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Peter Douglas on the occasion of his retirement on October 31, 2011 as Executive Director of the California Coastal Commission for 26 years.

Mr. Douglas' great legacy is the lack of something—the lack of development on the spectacular 1,100 miles of California coastline. For over four decades he has worked to guarantee public access to the coast and to keep coastal bluffs pristine.

Mr. Douglas is the third executive director, appointed in 1985 after having served as the Coastal Commission's Chief Deputy Director for seven years. Before joining the commission, he worked as a legislative aide to Assemblyman Alan Sieroty of Beverly Hills. In that capacity he co-authored Proposition 20 in 1972 which created the Coastal Commission. He went to work for the Assembly Natural Resource Committee and the Select Committee on Coastal Protection where he co-drafted the California Coastal Act which was made permanent by the legislature in 1976. The law gives priority to public recreation over private development and gives the commission authority to enforce the law. Mr. Douglas deserves credit for turning a start-up panel into one of the country's most powerful land-use authorities.

Thanks to his work, millions of Californians and visitors are able to enjoy one of the most beautiful coastlines in the world. Had it not been for Mr. Douglas, Hearst Ranch would be a golf resort, Monterey Bay would be lined by

condominiums and San Onofre State Park would be a paved toll road.

Mr. Douglas is one of the fiercest defenders of open space and he is not afraid to speak truth to power. For example, this year some landowners wanted to build "environmentally friendly" mansions along a bluff overlooking Malibu. Speculation persisted that the commission would approve the project until Peter Douglas stated he had "never seen a project as environmentally devastating as this." The commission voted against it.

Mr. Douglas took on the Jonathan Club and the Olympic Club, private men's clubs in Santa Monica and San Francisco respectively. He urged the commission to vote against their expansion arguing that it would be a travesty if a state agency gave it's good housekeeping seal to a club on public land that discriminates against Jews, African Americans, Latinos, Asians and women. He ignored the advice of the Attorney General's office, the case went all the way to the Supreme Court and the commission won. Mr. Douglas succeeded in righting a grievous constitutional wrong with the Coastal Act.

In 1987 he refused an order by Governor Deukmejian to close the commission offices in Santa Barbara and Santa Cruz. He argued the commission could not implement the Coastal Act without offices in those critical areas. The commission backed him on the basis that the Governor did not have authority over and independent commission and the offices remained open.

His upbringing gave him the tools and mindset to deal with adversity and conflict. Peter Douglas was born into a Jewish family in Berlin in 1942. They immigrated to the United States from Mexico in the early '50s. He received both his undergraduate and graduate degrees from UCLA.

Among a long list of additional professional accomplishments, Mr. Douglas is one of the original members of the NOAA Science Advisory Board, was appointed by President Clinton of the U.S. Panel on Ocean Exploration, and is a Member of the National Academy of Sciences.

As Mr. Douglas is handing over his Coastal Commission responsibilities to Senior Deputy Director Charles Lester, he is looking forward to spending more time with his family and friends, especially his grandchildren, on his beloved coast. To quote him, "If we want it to be there for our children, we have to keep fighting to protect it. In that way, the coast is never saved, it's always being saved."

Mr. Speaker, I ask this body to rise with me to honor the life's work of Peter Douglas who has preserved the natural beauty of the California coast and my belief that an individual can change the world.

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EXCHANGE CLUB OF FOND DU LAC, WISCONSIN

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 19, 2012

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate and recognize the Exchange Club of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, as it celebrates 75 years of serving the Fond du Lac

community. Established in 1937 by some of the city's most prominent leaders, the Exchange Club was viewed by its founding members as a chance to develop an entirely new type of service organization in the area, with an emphasis on helping those less fortunate while working to make life better for all area citizens.

It is a commitment Fond du Lac Exchangites have been fulfilling for 75 years. In the process, they have made innumerable contributions to the quality of life in the Fond du Lac area.

For 75 years, members of the Fond du Lac organization have met to exchange ideas about how to better serve the community while working to advance the National Exchange Club goals of benefiting and developing youth, promoting crime prevention, recognizing military and public safety service providers, fostering Americanism and preventing child abuse.

In its early years, the Exchange Club of Fond du Lac underwrote Christmas parties for the community's underprivileged children and held programs to recognize the area's high school sports teams. In the late 1940s, the Exchange Club was instrumental in convincing city officials that an underutilized city-owned building designated as a community center could be converted to a gathering place for area youth, something many felt the city badly needed. Thus, the Hamilton Community Building near downtown Fond du Lac was extensively remodeled in 1947 and used for decades as the Fond du Lac Youth Center.

In 1957, the club achieved one of its proudest moments by raising the funds needed to purchase a cutting-edge piece of medical equipment, called a Flame Photometer, for Fond du Lac's St. Agnes Hospital. At the time, only two other, much larger, medical facilities in Wisconsin had this particular life-saving equipment.

Another signature Exchange Club accomplishment was the furnishing of grounds supervision, maintenance and support for many years for Camp Tiwaushara, a large Girl Scout Camp located in Redgranite, Wisconsin, and operated by the former Wau-Bun Girl Scout Council. Members of the club went to Redgranite annually to clear brush and prepare the grounds for the camping season and to build structures needed for the camp.

More recently, Exchangites in Fond du Lac have been active in running a petting zoo for the community at Fond du Lac's Lakeside Park, distributing flags to children during the annual Fond du Lac Memorial Day Parade, and erecting numerous Exchange Club Freedom Shrines, permanently mounted reproductions of the most important documents in American history. Also in recent years, club members have purchased a walk-in cooler for a local food pantry and have funded numerous public safety initiatives, as well as supporting countless other local causes and nonprofit organizations in the Fond du Lac area.

I am proud to join with the Fond du Lac community in recognizing the invaluable contributions and outstanding service of the Exchange Club of Fond du Lac, and in congratulating the club on its 75th anniversary. In addition, I extend my best wishes to all club members for continued success in the future.

IN HONOR OF NURSES FOR NEWBORNS

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 19, 2012

Mr. CARNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Nurses For Newborns Organization, as they celebrate their 20th anniversary.

Since 1992, Nurses For Newborns has served our most vulnerable citizens—newborn babies. As a nurse home visiting agency, volunteers help provide a safety net for families most at risk to help prevent infant mortality, child abuse, and neglect through home based programs that provide education, healthcare, and positive parenting skills. Services also include programs for teen moms and moms that are mentally and physically challenged, as well as referrals to medical, social or government services.

Nurses visiting new mothers for whom poverty is the primary risk factor provide maternal depression, risk for domestic violence and child abuse and neglect screenings in the home. "Medically fragile" babies—those born prematurely, diagnosed with Down Syndrome or other genetic disorders, or who have been exposed to drugs or alcohol are afforded extra special care by volunteer nurses.

Moms with intellectual or physical disabilities who need assistance with routine tasks like formula preparation and feeding; administration of medications or managing appointment schedules will receive support from Nurses For Newborns with more frequent home visits.

Our citizens have rallied around this worthy organization. Churches, school groups, and businesses, and community members routinely donate clothes, toys, diapers, blankets, car seats, baby beds, and formula to the Nurses For Newborns organization, for families in need.

Evidence based outcomes of the hard work of Nurses For Newborns staff and volunteers are impressive. Ninety-nine percent of babies whose parents are enrolled in the program do not suffer from abuse or neglect; 89 percent are current with immunization schedule; 99 percent have established a medical home for their babies, and 99 percent are not unnecessarily hospitalized.

I thank Chief Executive Officer Melinda Ohlemiller, her staff, and all of the volunteers who have made Nurses For Newborns the effective and vitally important organization that it is today. Because of their compassion and hard work, all St. Louis area babies can have the best possible start and the brightest possible future.

HONORING H. MICHAEL WEITZMAN

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 19, 2012

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to honor the memory of H. Michael Weitzman, who passed away on April 16, 2012 and whose absence is felt deeply in his community and in the hearts of all who knew him.

Born August 19, 1929, H. Michael Weitzman was an alumni of Case Western University